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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional)
In re Application of	John G. Atwood	
Application Number	10/691,186	
For	Thermal Cycler for Automatic Performance of the Polymerase Chain Reaction with Close Temperature Control	
Group Art Unit:	1744	Examiner: William H. Beisner

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

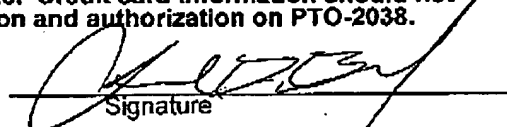
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- ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
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- ☒ attorney or agent of record.
- ☒ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
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